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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Balaram Sinharoy	:	Aimee J. Li
Serial No.: 09/631,726	:	Group Art Unit: 2183
Filed: August 3, 2000	:	
	:	IBM Corporation
Title: BRANCH PREDICTION CIRCUITS :	:	Intellectual Property Law
AND METHODS AND SYSTEMS USING :	:	11400 Burnet Road
THE SAME	:	Austin, Texas 78758

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 24, 2004 (Paper No. 7), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 24, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

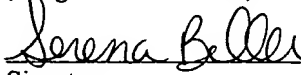
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on April 28, 2004.

  
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